RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS POLICY AT OHIO UNIVERSITY

Educational Policy & Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee
Faculty Senate
May 6, 2024
PASSED

Whereas, Ohio University has a generous grade replacement policy that allows students who have struggled academically to retake courses.

Whereas, this grade replacement policy does not adequately address the needs of students who may change their academic focus after academic struggles,

Whereas, providing students with an opportunity for one-time academic forgiveness can offer a pathway for them to overcome past academic setbacks and regain their academic standing;

Be it resolved that after appropriate implementation details have been resolved and a suitable process developed, an academic forgiveness policy conforming to the following principles shall be in force for undergraduate students:

Academic Forgiveness

a. Under the academic forgiveness policy, students may petition to have grades earned in previous semesters excluded from their cumulative GPA calculation.

b. Students may request one-time academic forgiveness for up to 3 courses comprising up to a maximum of 12 credit hours. These must be courses in which a final grade of C- or below has been recorded.

c. Courses for which academic forgiveness is granted will remain on the student's transcript with a notation indicating forgiveness but the grades will not be incorporated in the cumulative GPA.

d. Students must have attempted at least 24 credit hours before applying for academic forgiveness.

e. Forgiven courses cannot be used to satisfy graduation requirements.

Be it further resolved that the Chair of UCC and the Chair of EPSA are responsible for convening a group charged with working with administrative and academic units of the university on the development of an implementation plan and supporting processes for this policy, with recommendations presented to Senate no later than the end of AY 2024-25.